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Petersburg National Battlefield Expands Adopt-A-Trail Program

PETERSBURG, Va – Petersburg National Battlefield is seeking active groups/organizations to adopt trails in the park's Eastern Front Unit (Petersburg) and Five Forks Battlefield Unit in Dinwiddie County. The approximately 18 miles of trails are part of one of the most extensive trail systems in Petersburg and Dinwiddie County, and are utilized by bicyclists, equestrians, runners and hikers. The park is offering the Adopt-A-Trail program to foster greater community involvement in maintaining or improving the quality of the trail system.

About the Adopt-A-Trail Program

Petersburg National Battlefield began the "Adopt-A-Trail" program in 2009 to help enhance the trails in the Eastern Front Unit. Since then, a new system, consisting of 8.5 miles of trails, was developed at the Five Forks Battlefield Unit in Dinwiddie County. Those who choose to adopt a trail will be responsible for maintaining a ½ to 2 mile section which will include the clearing of downed debris, picking up trash, repairing the trail surface, repairing and cleaning signs and bridges, pruning back of limbs/vines encroaching on the trail, and addressing erosion issues.

Adopting a trail requires a long-term commitment from a group, but also yields great rewards. In addition to the satisfaction of maintaining a trail, the group benefits from fostering group moral and will be officially recognized with a sign at the trailhead parking lots, or on the trail itself.

Interested groups should contact Petersburg National Battlefield's Volunteer Coordinators at PETE_VOLUNTEER@nps.gov or by phone (804) 732-0171 ext. 302.

Petersburg National Battlefield was created in order to commemorate the campaign and siege and defense of Petersburg, Virginia, in 1864 and 1865. The park staff is committed to preserving and protecting the historical, cultural, and natural resources within the park in a manner that will provide interpretation, education, and enjoyment for the visitors. Park Visitor Centers, located in Petersburg, Hopewell, and Dinwiddie County are each open from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The fee to enter the park is \$5 per vehicle, however the Petersburg National Battlefield annual pass and federal recreation passes are also honored. For more information about events at Petersburg National Battlefield, visit our website at www.nps.gov/pete, become a fan on our Facebook page, or follow us on Twitter @PetersburgNPS.